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MEMORANDUM

To: Tier II Consultation Team

From: CMAP staff

Date: August 28, 2012

Re: Approval Dates Boilerplate

Section 26-11.03(d) Information for NEPA Documents or Project Reports of the IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment manual requires the following boilerplate language regarding the status of the project with regard to the *Clean Air Act* conformity Regulations to be included in the environmental documentation.

This project is included in the FY [indicate years] Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) endorsed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the region in which the project is located. Projects in the TIP are considered to be consistent with the [indicate year] regional transportation plan endorsed by CMAP. The project is within the fiscally constrained portion of the plan.

On [indicate date], the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determined that the [indicate year] regional transportation plan conforms with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the transportation-related requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. On [indicate date], the FHWA and the FTA determined that the TIP also conforms with the SIP and the Clean Air Act Amendments. These findings were in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93, "Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans."

The project's design concept and scope are consistent with the project information used for the TIP conformity analysis. Therefore, this project conforms to the existing State Implementation Plan and the transportation-related requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

The TIP number for this project is

CMAP will insert the relevant dates into this statement and will post the full statement on the TIP Schedule and Approvals page (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/tip/ffy11-schedule-and-approvals) of the CMAP web site. A cross-reference link to the page will also be placed on the Conformity web page.